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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 33.6 million cwt of 2001 crop raw potatoes to February 1, 23 percent less than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 28.5 million cwt of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 5.15 million cwt were produced in other states. Processing of the 2001 crop potatoes totaled 96.5 million cwt to February 1, down 15 percent from last year.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,^{1/} NINE STATES, 2000 AND 2001

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
<i>1,000 Cwt</i>											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore. All Potatoes	2000-01	12,730	22,080	29,290	35,720	43,470	50,580	58,910	66,760	75,270	93,460
	2001-02	8,050	14,350	20,940	27,330	33,620					
IDAHO Potatoes	2000-01	7,790	16,030	22,840	28,740	36,000	42,530	50,250	57,390	65,470	82,610
	2001-02	5,670	10,970	17,030	22,750	28,470					
Maine ^{2/}	2000-01			1,845	2,475	3,105	3,695	4,225	4,760	5,340	7,015
	2001-02			1,935	2,420	3,080					
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2000-01	19,460	27,510	34,770	40,970	47,720	55,250	62,860	69,850	78,010	91,130
	2001-02	15,380	22,090	29,270	35,310	40,540					
Other States ^{3/}	2000-01			12,665	16,215	18,975	22,095	25,410	28,695	31,765	39,020
	2001-02			12,715	15,905	19,300					
TOTAL (9 STATES)	2000-01			78,570	95,380	113,270	131,620	151,405	170,065	190,385	230,625
	2001-02			64,860	80,965	96,540					

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI. 2/ Includes ME grown potatoes only. 3/ MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI.

STOCKS

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on February 1 totaled 76.0 million cwt, 11.5 million cwt less than on hand February 1, 2001. Disappearance, at 52.0 million cwt, is down from last year's 64.8 million cwt and below 2000's 56.8 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 4.60 million cwt, below last year's 6.30 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 71.4 million cwt, was 9.80 million cwt below the amount stored on February 1, 2001.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the February 1, 2002 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 4.7 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 76.0 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 4.7 percent or 3.57 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 8.1 percent or approximately 6.16 million cwt.

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UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS DOWN 14 PERCENT

February 1, 2002 potato stocks totaled 202 million cwt, down 14 percent from 2001 and 3 percent below two years ago. Potatoes in storage account for 51 percent of the fall storage State's production, the same percentage as a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to February 1, at 192 million cwt, is down 14 percent from the 2000 crop and 10 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1993.

Eastern States stored 11.1 million cwt of potatoes on February 1, 2002, down 17 percent from a year ago and 21 percent below two years ago. Maine's holdings are down 19 percent and Pennsylvania's stocks are off 18 percent from last year. New York's potato storage is the same as a year ago.

Central States accounted for 46.2 million cwt of potato stocks this February 1, down 6 percent from 2001 but 8 percent above 2000. North Dakota's stocks are up 6 percent and Wisconsin's holdings are up 1 percent from this date last year. Michigan's potato stocks are 8 percent lower than last year and Ohio is down 17 percent. Stocks in Minnesota are off 18 percent from a year ago and Nebraska's stocks are down 27 percent from 2001.

Western States held 144 million cwt of potatoes in storage on February 1, 2002 down 16 percent from last year and 4 percent below 2000. Idaho's potato stocks are down 13 percent from a year ago, while Washington is down 10 percent and Oregon is off 30 percent. Colorado's stocks are down 27 percent and Montana's dipped 8 percent from a year ago. California's potato holdings are down 59 percent from a year ago.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1996-2001 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1 2/
IDAHO	1,000 Cwt							
	142,800	102,000	92,000	82,000	70,000	56,000	41,000	
	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500	
	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000	23,000
	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000	21,000
	152,320	111,000	101,000	87,500	76,500	61,500	47,000	26,500
2001	127,980	95,000	86,000	76,000				
15 STATES 1/	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
	394,161	266,520	233,420	201,750				

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ Stocks not available prior to 1998.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2001 AND FEBRUARY 1, 2002 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2000			CROP OF 2001		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2001	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS FEBRUARY 1, 2002	FEBRUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,741	1,700	45	1,113	700	63
Colorado	27,972	15,100	54	21,357	11,000	52
Idaho	152,320	87,500	57	127,980	76,000	59
Maine	17,920	10,900	61	16,120	8,800	55
Michigan	14,963	5,200	35	14,030	4,800	34
Minnesota	21,240	11,600	55	18,425	9,500	52
Montana	3,503	3,000	86	3,040	2,750	90
Nebraska	10,127	4,600	45	8,512	3,350	39
New York	5,964	1,400	23	5,942	1,400	24
N. Dakota	26,950	13,700	51	26,400	14,500	55
Ohio	1,134	60	5	984	50	5
Oregon	30,683	20,000	65	20,730	14,000	68
Pennsylvania	3,510	1,100	31	3,173	900	28
Washington	105,000	44,500	42	94,400	40,000	42
Wisconsin	33,800	13,900	41	31,955	14,000	44
15 STATES TOTAL	458,827	234,260	51	394,161	201,750	51

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage in 2001 totaled 27.4 million cwt.